

PLACER COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICT SURVEY

Special Districts are units of local government established to provide local services, such as recreation, fire protection, water, and sewer. Placer County has many Special Districts. The 1999-2000 Grand Jury conducted a survey of 43 Special Districts in Placer County. The purpose of the survey was to gain an understanding of the local governments and to share that understanding with the public.

The majority of the Special Districts operate under locally elected independent boards of directors, sometimes called trustees. There are two exceptions: cemetery boards are appointed by the County Boards of Supervisors; and Tahoe Truckee Sanitation Agency is governed by directors that are appointed by the elected boards of other member agencies.

Special Districts are primarily funded by user fees and/or property taxes. The 36 elected boards and seven appointed boards control the expenditures of more than \$175,000,000 annually. These districts are generally governed by dedicated boards and provide valuable services to their communities. The boards, elected as well as appointed, meet at regular intervals to conduct business. Those meetings are open to the public in accordance with the Brown Act. However, few members of the community find time in their busy lives to attend the board meetings. It is hoped that this survey will generate public interest and participation in the Special Districts in Placer County.

Since this report is for information only, no Findings or Recommendations are presented.

Agency	# on Board	Meetings	Reimbursement/ Compensation	Board Member Benefits (see note 2)	Dependent Benefits	Total Annual Board Expenses	Total Annual Agency Budget
WATER DISTRICTS:							
Applegate Clipper Gap	5	monthly	no compensation	no	no	\$0	\$18,000
Alpine Springs	5	monthly	\$300 pres, \$250 other/meeting	no	no	\$17,092	\$564,342
Camp Far West	3	quarterly	no compensation	no	no	\$0	\$41,528
Citrus Heights	3	2/month	110.25 /day,max 10 days/month	self pay	no	\$44,691	\$6,470,000
Meadow Vista	5	monthly	\$50/meeting	no	no	\$2,100	\$576,290
Midway Heights	5	monthly	\$50/meeting	no	no	\$2,120	\$200,000
Nevada Irrigation Dist	5	2/month	\$600/month	yes	yes	\$60,793	\$29,232,983
Placer County Water Agency	5	2/month +	\$950/month +expenses	yes	yes	\$98,835	\$34,000,000
San Juan	5	2/month	\$100/meeting	no	no	\$41,208	\$6,493,110
Sierra Lakes	5	monthly	\$100/meeting	no	no	\$10,827	\$11,400
South Sutter	7	monthly	\$25/meeting	no	no	\$4,300	\$1,203,984
SANITATION DISTRICTS:							
Newcastle	5	monthly	\$100/meeting	no	no	\$5,500	\$123,881
Tahoe Truckee	5	monthly	\$100/meeting	yes	yes	\$16,470	\$6,570,790
Truckee	5	monthly	\$100/meeting	yes	yes	\$51,236	\$4,008,650
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS:							
Donner Summit PUD	5	1-2/month	\$166 pres,\$133 other /meeting	no	no	\$14,936	\$1,504,022
Foresthill PUD	5	monthly	no compensation	no	no	\$3,061	\$765,038
Georgetown Divide PUD	5	monthly+	\$200/month	yes	yes	\$16,800	\$2,068,700
South Placer Municipal PUD	5	monthly	\$100/meeting	no	no	\$8,000	\$9,814,505
Squaw Valley PUD	5	monthly+	\$300/month	no	no	\$20,879	\$1,875,405
Tahoe City PUD	5	monthly	\$400/month	yes	yes	\$68,924	\$11,400,000
Truckee Donner PUD	5	2/monthly	\$400/month	yes	yes	\$47,972	\$15,306,934
North Tahoe PUD	5	monthly	\$400/month	yes	yes	\$70,182	\$6,200,000

NOTES:

1. All boards are elected with the exception of cemetery districts.
2. Benefits may include the following: medical, dental, vision, long-term health care, life insurance, retirement, or IRA.

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FIRE DISTRICTS:							
Truckee Fire Protection	5	monthly	\$75 per meeting	yes	no	\$8,475	\$2,995,000
American River Fire Dist	7	2/monthly	\$75 per meeting, max \$300	no	no	\$16,000	\$29,603,381
Dry Creek Fire Protection Dist	5	monthly	no compensation	no	no	\$600	\$172,000
Foresthill Fire Protection Dist	5	monthly	no compensation	no	no	\$0	\$198,993
Loomis Fire Protection Dist	5	monthly	no compensation	no	no	\$0	\$424,050
Newcastle Fire Dist	5	monthly	no compensation	no	no	\$100	\$250,000
NorthTahoe Fire	5	monthly	\$20 with ins,\$75 without ins	yes	yes	\$41,104	\$3,878,483
Penryn Fire	5	monthly	\$75 per meeting	no	no	\$4,350	\$217,909
Rocklin Fire	3	bi-monthly	\$75 per meeting	no	no	\$1,725	\$30,150
Placer Consolidated Fire	5	monthly	\$75 per month	no	no	\$4,500	\$1,456,680
Placer Hills Fire Dist	5	monthly	\$50 per meeting	no	no	\$1,600	\$591,023
South Placer Fire Dist	5	monthly	\$75 per meeting	no	no	\$4,800	\$3,829,964
Alta Fire Protection District	5	monthly	\$75/meeting	no	no	\$0	\$55,000
RECREATION/PARK DIST:							
Auburn Area Rec&Park	5	1-2/month	\$100 per meeting, max \$200	no	no	\$6,873	\$2,391,200
Truckee Donner Rec &Park	5	monthly	\$100 per meeting	no	no	\$10,414	\$3,878,500
CEMETERY DISTRICTS:							
Auburn Public Cemetery Dist	5	monthly	no compensation	no	no	\$0	\$522,867
Colfax Cemetery District	3	quarterly	no compensation	no	no	\$0	\$110,060
N.R.G. Cemetery Dist**	5	2/monthly	\$50 per meeting, \$100 max	no	no	\$6,080	\$591,550
Placer County #1	5	monthly	no compensation	no	no	\$269	\$197,699
Roseville	5	monthly	\$50 per meeting,\$100 max	no	no	\$4,500	\$898,395
Tahoe City Cemetery	5	quarterly	\$50 per meeting	no	no	*	*

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** Newcastle Rocklin Gold Hill Cemetery District